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SUBJ: RESETTLEMENT IN MALAWI

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1. AS I TRIED TO MAKE CLEAR IN REFTEL 1028 IF WE ARE TO MAKE SERIOUS EFFORT TO RESETTLE ANYONE IN MALAWI THE BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THOSE INTERESTED WILL HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY AND INTELLIGENTLY PRESENTED. ALTHOUGH SMALL, MALAWI IS A SERIOUS COUNTRY, AND DECISIONS ON WHETHER TO ACCEPT ANY REFUGEES WILL BE MADE BY THE PRESIDENT ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. I THINK IT WOULD BE COMPLETELY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO PRESENT TO THE GOM, FOR EXAMPLE, THE NAME "NGHIEM XUAN SUNG, MALE, 54 YEARS OLD, MARRIED, SECONDARY, FRENCH AND SOME ENGLISH", AND I DO NOT PROPOSE TO DO SO. IN FACT, ON ONE OF THE NAMES SENT TO US RPT NONE HAS SUFFICIENT DETAIL BEEN SUPPLIED TO WARRANT A PRESENTATION TO THE GOM. ANOTHER EXAMPLE, IN THIS AGE AIRPLANE PILOTS COME IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES -- PROP, TUBRO-PROP, JET, SINGLE ENGINE, MULTI-ENGINE, AND WITH MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED BEFORE LICENSING IN EACH CATEGORY.

2. SURELY WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS. HAVING HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE WITH THE CUBAN REFUGEE AIRLIFT FROM ITS INCEPTION I KNOW WE CAN.

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3. I EXPECT TO SEE PRES BANDA WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS

AND WILL MENTION TO HIM THAT SEVERAL REFUGEES HAVE EXPRESSED
AN INTEREST IN COMING TO MALAWI BUT THAT I AM AWAITING FULL
DETAILS AS TO THEIR BACKGROUND, QUALIFICATIONS, AND

EXPERIENCEBEFORE MAKING A FORMAL PRESENTATION.

4. I TRUST FROM THE ABOVE IT IS CLEAR TO ALL CONCERNED THAT THE
USG WILL BE CONSIDERED RESPONSIBLE BY THE GOM NOT ONLY FOR
THE BONAFIDES OF THE CANDIDATES PRESENTED BUT FOR THE NATURE
AND COMPLETENESS OF THE PROPOSALS WHICH MAY BE MADE.
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